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1. On 28, 29, and 30 April, 1947, a conference was held at Milagro, Ecuador, in which 36 agricultural cooperatives participated. It was headed by Neptali Pacheco Leon, a Communist organizer of the coastal district of Ecuador; but of the delegates, less than 10 per cent were registered members of the Communist Party. However, the majority were Communist sympathizers. The delegates represented approximately 3,000 affiliates of the agricultural co-operatives.
2. In May the Communists made an agreement with the Socialists concerning the appointment of the two functional Senators representing labor. The Socialists agreed to support Pedro Saad, Communist leader, to represent labor in the coastal area, where Communism predominates, in return for Communist support for a Socialist candidate for the Sierra region, where the Socialists are predominant. The Communists were also reported to be pushing a general coalition with the Socialists, but were only meeting with success in the coastal districts.
3. After a period of relative neglect, the Communist Youth Movement in Ecuador has shown signs of increasing activity during May. Efforts were being made to extend cells among the secondary schools in an attempt to counteract the influence of Catholic youth groups. Plans are being made to hold a youth congress, but no specific date has been set.
4. Pedro Saad has begun to distribute the text of the new USSR Five Year Plan in an effort to create confidence in the Soviet, as well as in local Communist doctrines.
5. The Communist Party of Ecuador is reported to be engaged in making plans in preparation for possible repressive measures by the Government. Efforts are being concentrated on the strengthening of its present affiliations, and the building up of new front organizations. A special staff of reliable affiliated leaders is being organized to act as a council for the Party, if and when repressive measures are taken. No details have been furnished on the changes contemplated within Party headquarters.

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